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SUBJECT: USG MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON

1. NEA AND PM CONCUR WITH EMBASSY JUDGMENT THAT SUBMISSION TO GOL OF PROMISSORY NOTE SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL ENTIRE QUESTION OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE, PAST AND FUTURE, CAN BE CONSIDERED JOINTLY.

2. THIS PROCEDURE PRESENTS PROBLEMS FOR DSAA WHICH STATES IT MUST FORWARD DOCUMENTS PER NORMAL SCHEDULE. BUREAU IS LOOKING INTO MEANS, INCLUDING OPTION OF PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION, TO HOLD MATTER IN ABEYANCE FOR SIX MONTHS OR SO TO GIVE GOL TIME TO PREPARE ITSELF FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THIS MATTER. WE WILL ADVISE EMBASSY FURTHER ASAP BUT AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD, IN MEANTIME, TAKE NO ACTION TO DELIVER PROMISSORY NOTE. ROBINSON

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